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Having nothing better to do on a Sunday night, I found myself looking at [a political ideologies iceberg meme](#). Pretty soon, I noticed an unfamiliar name: the Rural People's Party. I immediately Googled it. Apparently, it is a fringe communist party which also happens to revere the work of Jim Jones's People's Temple. Great, something even more bizarre than I could have hoped for.

As a general disclaimer, when I say fringe, I mean fringe. RPP propaganda talks the big talk of how big a threat to the establishment they have, but I have a really hard time believing that it had more than a dozen members in its heyday. And considering that most of its content comes from 2008, that heyday is surely long gone. But even if they lack any sort of influence, I think wacky fringe organizations can be fun in their own right, and I imagine that there's probably plenty of people on this subreddit with the same attitude.

First, I needed to know how such a thing as a Jim Jones apologist exists. So, I turned to [their website](#). Unsurprisingly, they have a very different interpretation of the Jonestown massacre than that of the reality-based community. Following a book by a group of mass murder conspiracy theorists, the RPP maintains that the death of Leo Ryan and subsequent massacre of the Peoples Temple Agricultural Project was all the work of the CIA. Jones did order his followers to kill themselves, but that was apparently a justified act of revolutionary suicide in response to an impending CIA attack.

As is to be expected from such a group, their website is full of little gems. The page for their women's branch, the Sharon Amos Brigade, contains some of the most unsettling imagery I've ever read: "Women produce the milk of the world, and we must churn it into the butter that will fatten the bread which feeds our people." Back when it was active, the party apparently owned a "commune" (based on pictures, it was literally just a run-down trailer in Lexington County, South Carolina) where members were free to reside and engage in "DPRK Study." Oh yeah, these people are also big fans of the North Korean regime.

I had to know more, and so after more Googling, I ended up with [more information than I knew what to do with](#).

In short, the RPP was founded by Joshua Caleb Sutter, Aryan Nations leader who got involved in a weird anti-Semitic, pro-jihadi, pro-North Korea subculture in the mid-2000s. Basically, they saw communists and Islamists as their allies in the fight against the American and Israeli governments. Why did he end up worshiping Jim Jones? I have literally no idea. But he did, and now we all have to live with the consequences.

Around 2009, Sutter and his wife drifted away from the RPP and founded a Hindu temple (leading to utterly insane captions like "Jillian Hoy, wife of white power leader, pro North Korea advocate, and Jim Jones supporter Joshua Caleb Sutter. Here Hoy, who bills herself a Hindu priestess Jayalalita Devi Dasi, is pictured at the rural South Carolina property where



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apparently now a leader of the Order of the Nine Angels, a left-hand magic Nazi terrorist group. For what it's worth, he and his mentor have been called "the 'dumb and dumber' of the neo-Nazi movement."

And the strangest part of this is that while Sutter is a white supremacist, the RPP officially was not. In fact, they followed Maoist Internationalist Movement, which basically stated that American industrial workers are actually complicit in imperialism, and any communist organization must focus on organizing the true proletariat: black and Latino people.

At this point, my brain has stopped trying to make sense of it. Inflicting this knowledge upon others may be the only way that I shall find peace.



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